

HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



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DRAWINGS: UDERZO

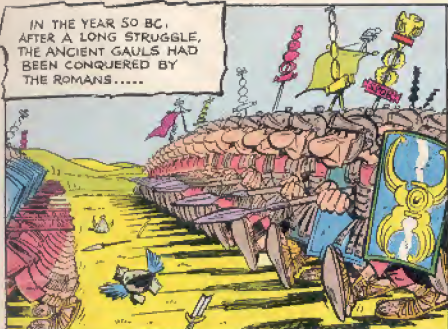
Asterix

The Gaul

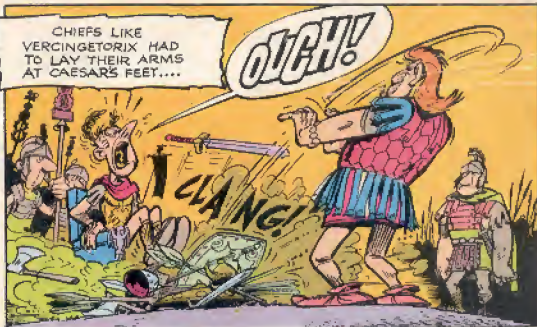


UDERZO

IN THE YEAR 50 BC,
AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE,
THE ANCIENT GAULS HAD
BEEN CONQUERED BY
THE ROMANS.....



CHIEFS LIKE
VERCINGETORIX HAD
TO LAY THEIR ARMS
AT CAESAR'S FEET....



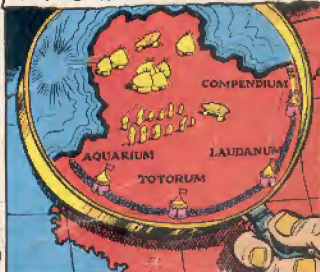
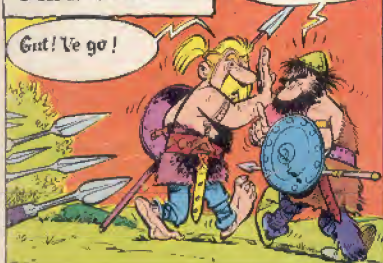
PEACE REIGNS, DISTURBED
ONLY BY OCCASIONAL
ATTACKS BY THE GERMAN,
SPEEDILY REPULSED....

So! But ve
konn back!

ALL GAUL
IS OCCUPIED....

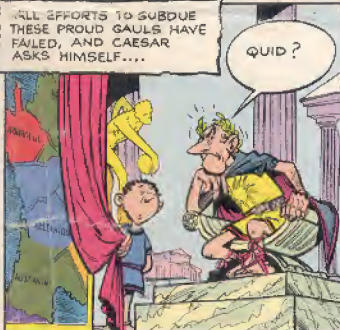
ALL ? NO- ONE VILLAGE STILL HOLDS OUT
STUBBORNLY AGAINST THE INVADERS,
ONE SMALL VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY
FORTIFIED ROMAN CAMPS....

Ent! Ve go!



ALL EFFORTS TO SUBDUDE
THESE PROUD GAULS HAVE
FAILED, AND CAESAR
ASKS HIMSELF....

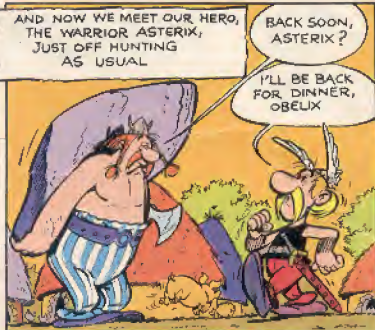
QUID ?



AND NOW WE MEET OUR HERO,
THE WARRIOR ASTERIX,
JUST OFF HUNTING
AS USUAL

BACK SOON,
ASTERIX ?

I'LL BE BACK
FOR DINNER,
OBEUX



HERE HE
COMES !

WE'LL GET
HIM

IPSO FACTO!

SIC!

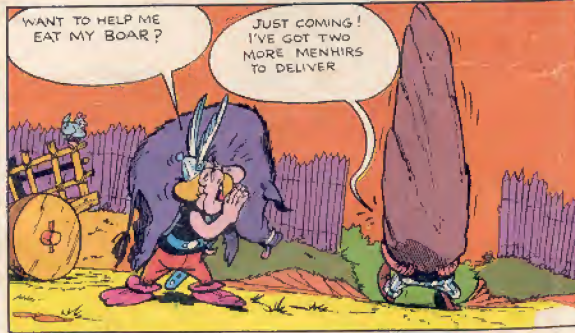
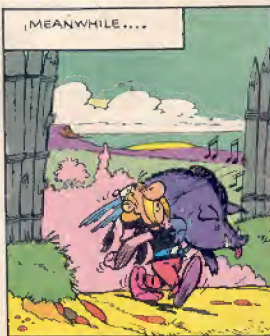
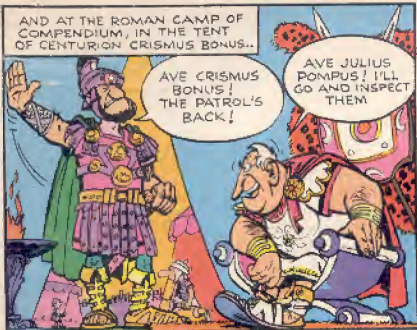


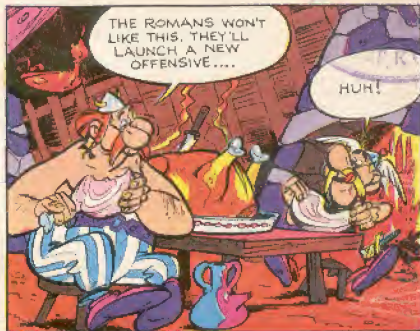
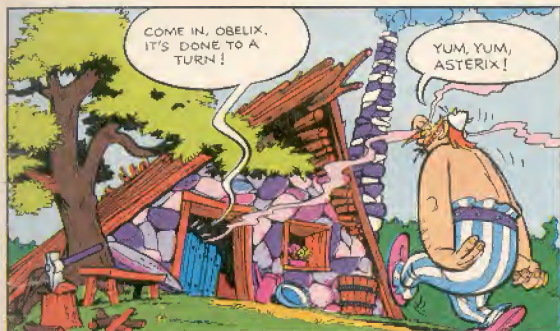
ACCIDENCE
WILL HAPPEN....

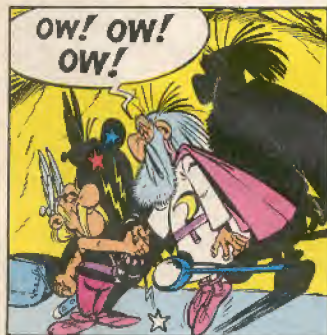
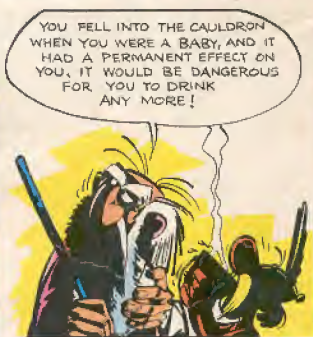
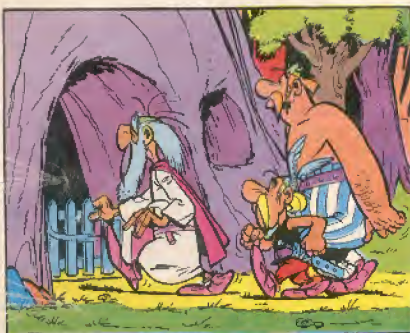
VAE VICTO
VAE VICTIS !

WE DECLINE !









WE'VE BEEN LAYING SIEGE TO THESE GAULS FOR YEARS! THEY'VE GOT A NERVE! THIS MORNING'S PROVOCATION IS GOING TOO FAR. ONE AGAINST FOUR IS NO JOKE! THEY'RE MAKING US LOOK RIDICULOUS

THERE'S SOME MYSTERY BEHIND THE STRENGTH OF THESE GAULS. WE MUST LEARN THEIR SECRET

YOU'RE RIGHT, MARCUS GINANTONICUS! WE MUST LEARN THEIR SECRET, AND FAST! CAESAR HAS INDICATED HIS DISPLEASURE ALL THE WAY FROM ROME. WE NEED A SPY IN THE GAULS' VILLAGE. I WANT A VOLUNTEER!

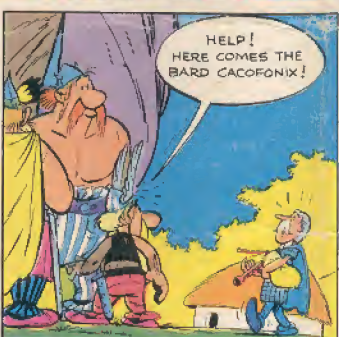
AS THERE ARE SO MANY VOLUNTEERS, WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS TO PICK THE SPY!

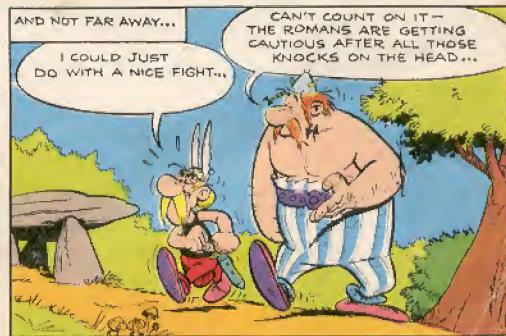
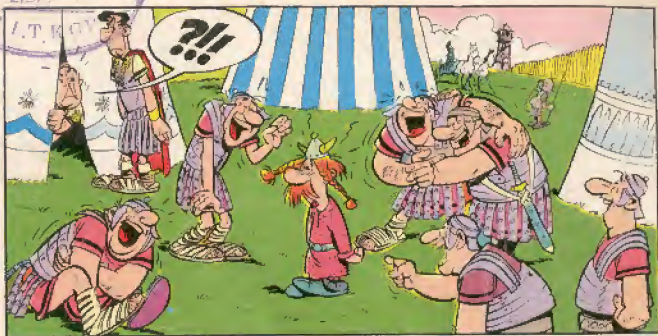
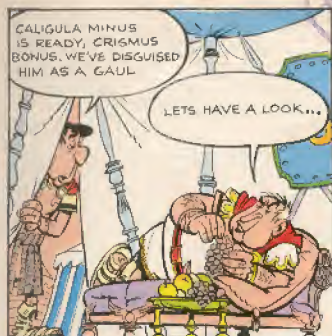
THIS ANCIENT ROMAN GAME IS PLAYED WITH ONE LESS CHAIR THAN THERE ARE LEGIONARIES.....

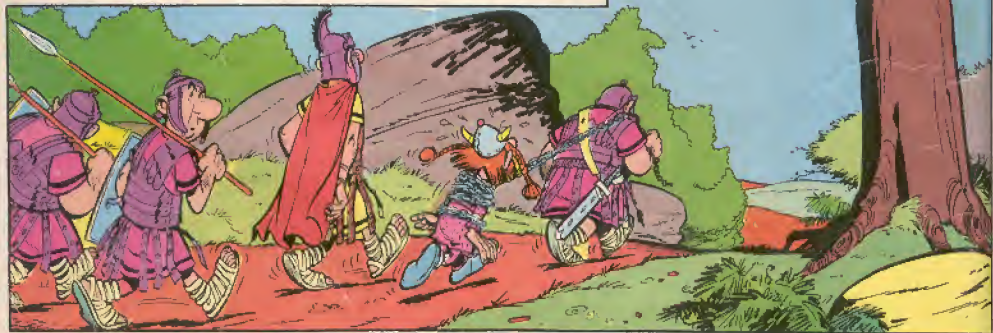
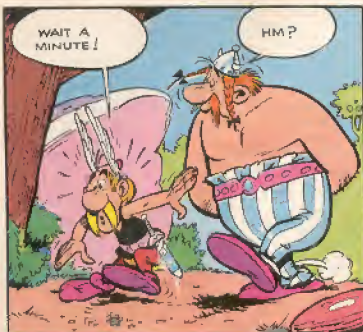
...WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS.....

... ALL THE PLAYERS SIT DOWN. THE LEGIONARY WITHOUT A CHAIR HAS LOST

CALIGULA MINUS IS OUT!

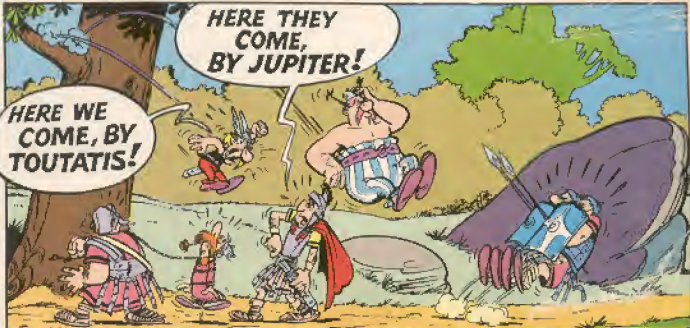






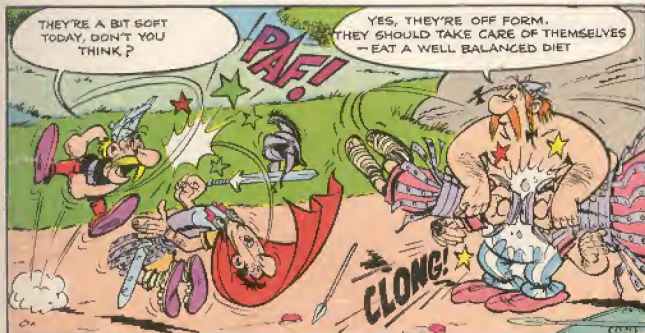


RIGHT! EVERYONE
GOT IT? IF THEY
ATTACK WE ONLY
PUT UP A
TOKEN
RESISTANCE!



HERE WE
COME, BY
TOUTATIS!

HERE THEY
COME,
BY JUPITER!



THEY'RE A BIT SOFT
TODAY, DON'T YOU
THINK?

YES, THEY'RE OFF FORM.
THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES
— EAT A WELL BALANCED DIET



THAT'S THE LOT...

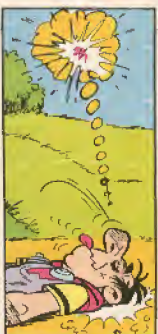
COULDN'T WE
BRING THEM
ROUND AND START
AGAIN?



NO, COME ON!
IT'S GETTING
LATE



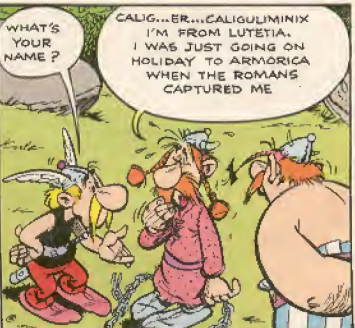
MI — MISSION
ACCOMPLISHED!



WE WILL
STRIKE OFF
YOUR
CHAINS!

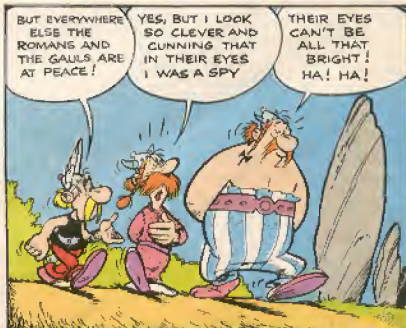
BUT YOU'LL
NEED
TOOLS....
A HAMMER!

HA! HA!
WE'RE
THE TOOLS!



WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

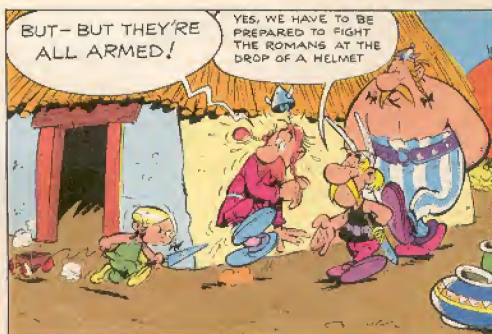
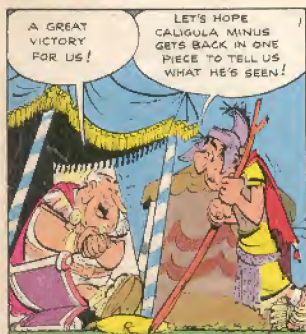
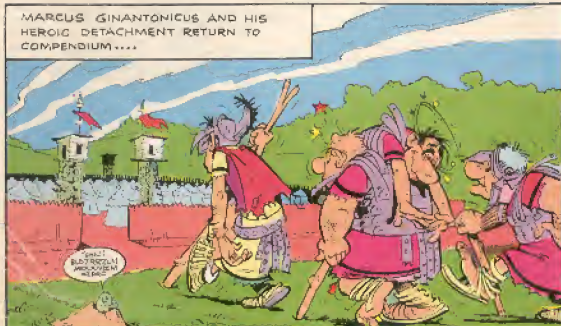
CALIG...ER...CALIGULIMINIX
I'M FROM LUTETIA.
I WAS JUST GOING ON
HOLIDAY TO ARMORICA
WHEN THE ROMANS
CAPTURED ME

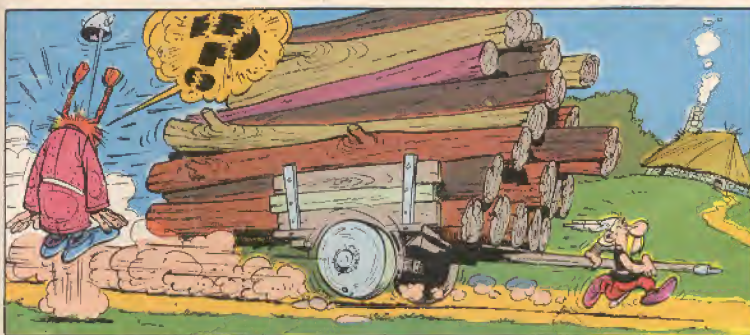
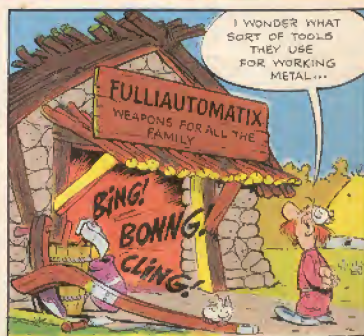
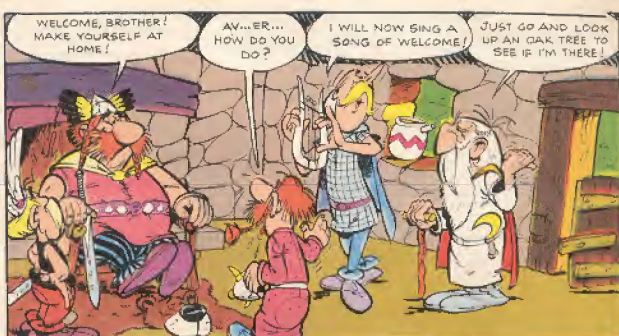


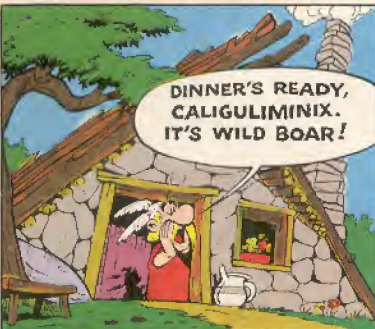
BUT EVERYWHERE
ELSE THE
ROMANS AND
THE GAULS ARE
AT PEACE!

YES, BUT I LOOK
SO CLEVER AND
CUNNING THAT
IN THEIR EYES
I WAS A SPY


THEIR EYES
CAN'T BE
ALL THAT
BRIGHT!
HA! HA!








DINNER'S READY,
CALIGULIMINIX.
IT'S WILD BOAR!



IS THERE SOME SECRET BEHIND
YOUR SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH?


EAT UP YOUR BOAR,
IT'S GETTING COLD.

YUM! YUM!
YES BUT WE CAN'T
REVEAL IT!
SCRUNCH!




WHY CAN'T YOU REVEAL
YOUR SECRET?

BECAUSE
IT'S A
SECRET!



THAT'S NOT FAIR!
WHAT ARE THINGS COMING
TO IF ONE GAUL CAN'T
TRUST ANOTHER?




IF I WAS AS STRONG
AS YOU I COULD GET THROUGH
THE ROMAN LINES AND
GO HOME
TO LUTETIA!




MY POOR
FAMILY!
SNIFE!
THEY'LL BE
WORRIED
TO DEATH!

WHAT
DO WE
DO NOW?

WE COULD
ALWAYS
EAT HIS
WILD BOAR?



COME ON,
CALIGULIMINIX!
WE'RE GOING TO
SEE THE DRUID




WE'LL BE UP AN
OAK TREE, IT'S THE
SIXTH DAY OF THE NEW
MOON, AND MISTLETOE
CUT THEN IS A
POWERFUL ANTIDOTE
TO POISON

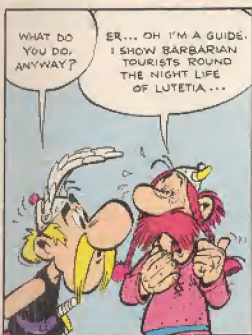
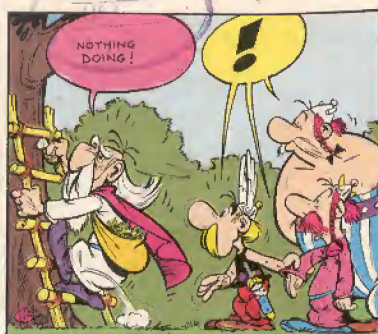


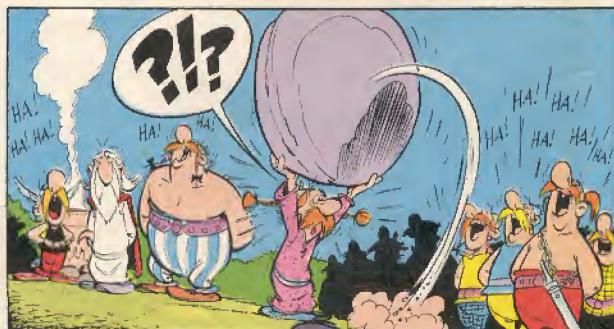
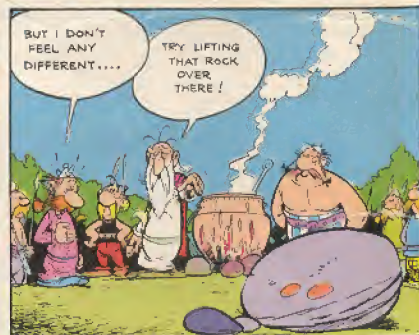
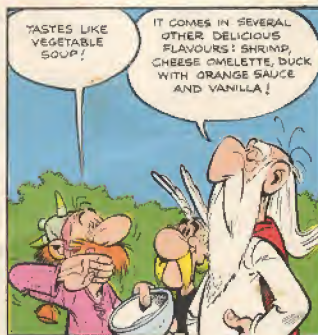
HI,
DRUID!

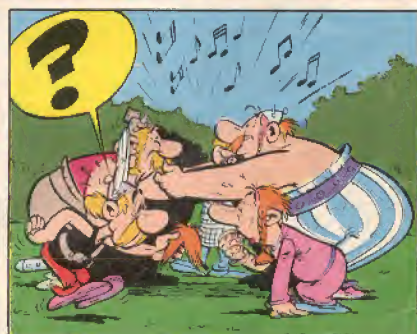
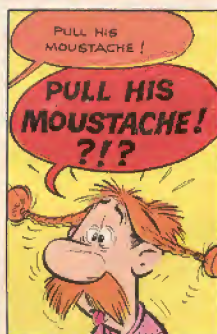
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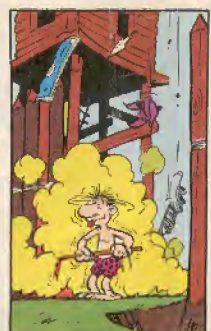
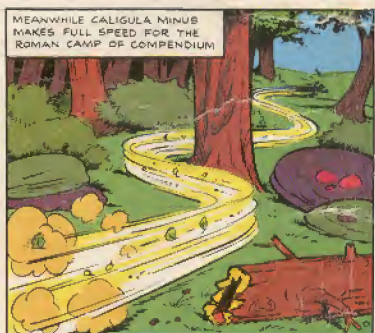
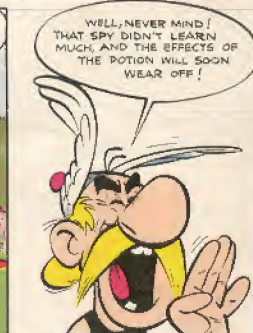
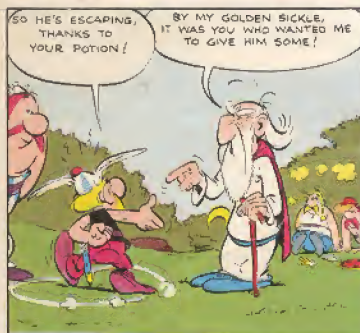
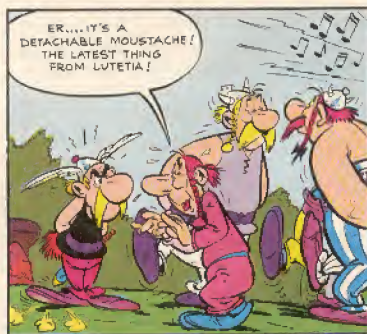


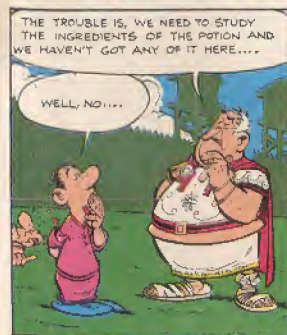
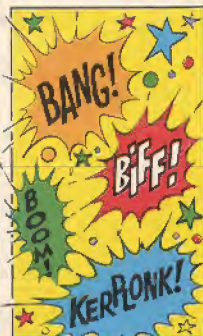
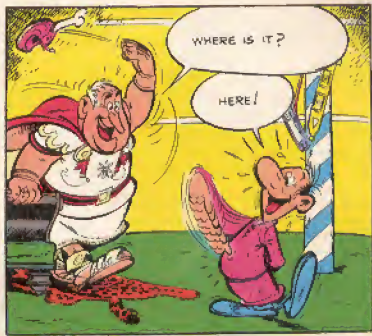
ASTERIX, I TOLD
YOU BEFORE NOT TO
MAKE ME JUMP
WHEN I'M USING
MY SICKLE!!!

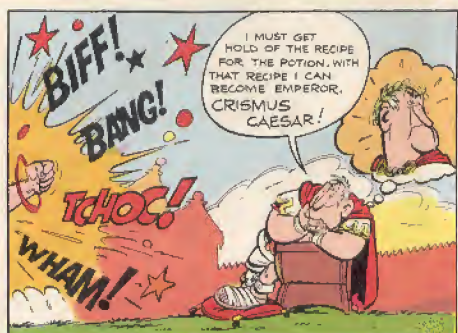
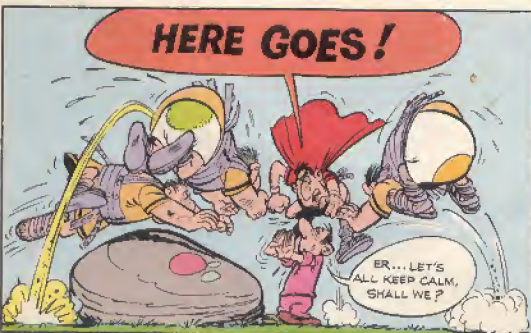










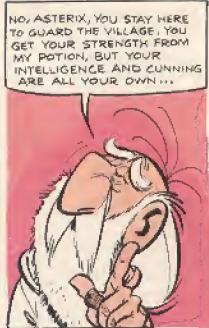




SOON AFTERWARDS
IN THE GAULISH
VILLAGE

I'M JUST GOING TO PICK
SOME MISTLETOE IN THE
FOREST

WANT ME TO
COME WITH YOU,
DRUID?

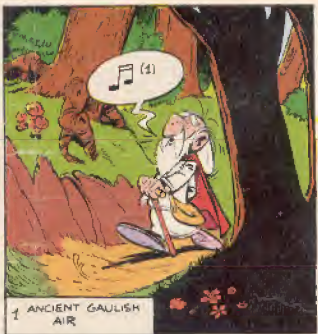


NO, ASTERIX, YOU STAY HERE
TO GUARD THE VILLAGE; YOU
GET YOUR STRENGTH FROM
MY POTION, BUT YOUR
INTELLIGENCE AND CUNNING
ARE ALL YOUR OWN...



IT WOULD BE A
DISASTER FOR US TO
LOSE YOU! BESIDES,
I'LL BE BACK SOON

GOOD...



1 ANCIENT GAULISH
AIR



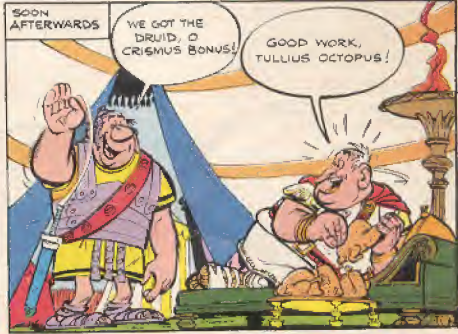
OOPS!



GOT
HIM!



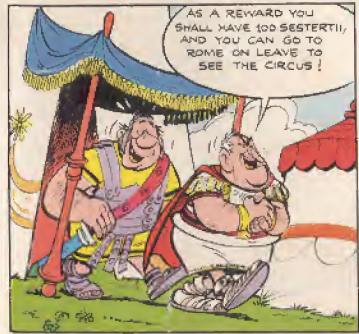
2) ANCIENT GAULISH
SWEAR-WORDS



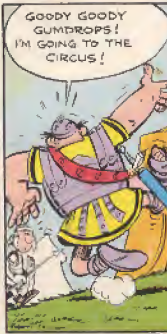
SOON
AFTERWARDS

WE GOT THE
DRUID, O
CRISMUS BONUS!

GOOD WORK,
TULLIUS OCTOPUS!



AS A REWARD YOU
SHALL HAVE 100 SESTERTII,
AND YOU CAN GO TO
ROME ON LEAVE TO
SEE THE CIRCUS!

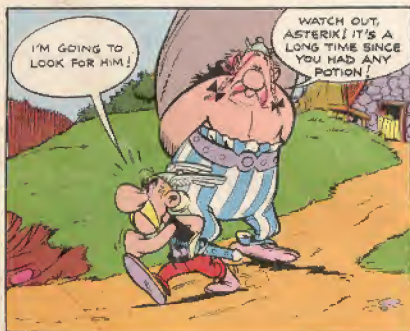
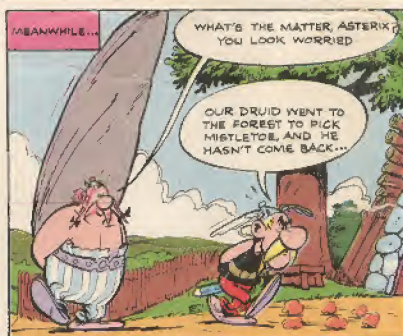
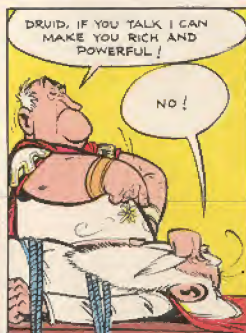
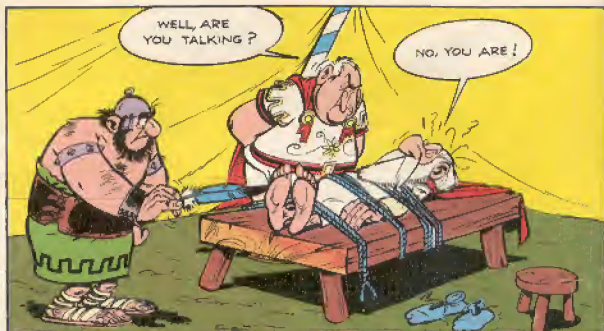


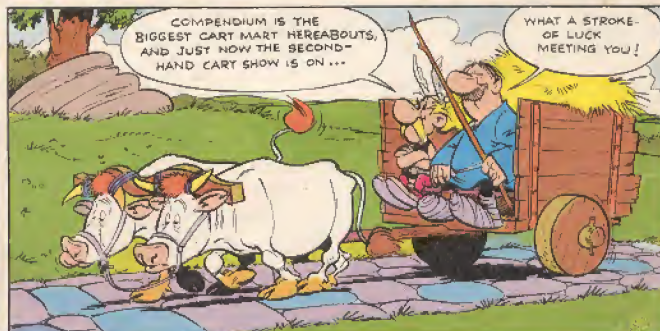
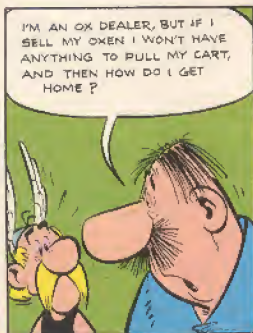
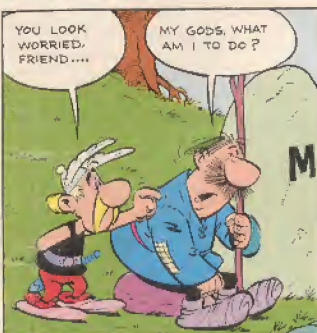
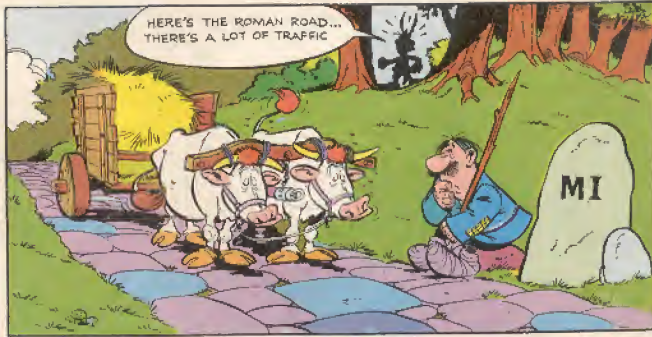
GOODY GOODY
GUMDROPS!
I'M GOING TO THE
CIRCUS!

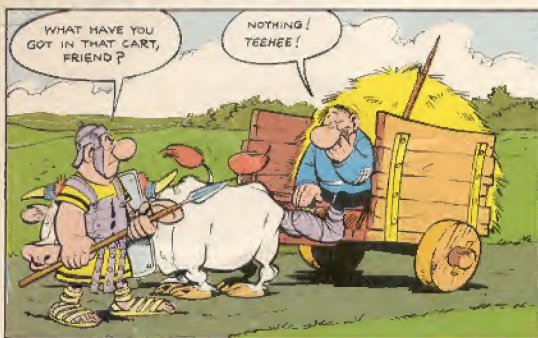
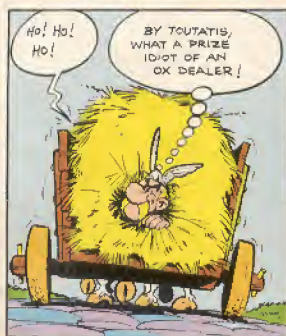
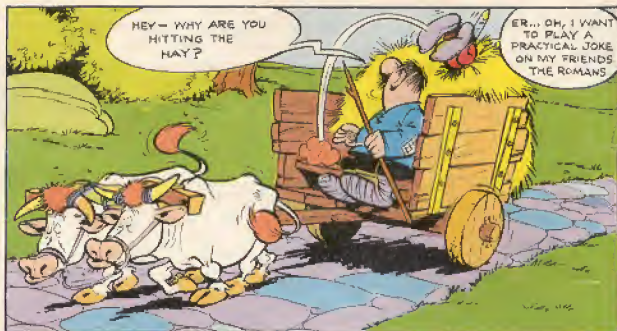


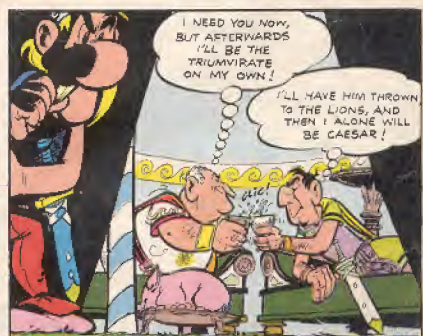
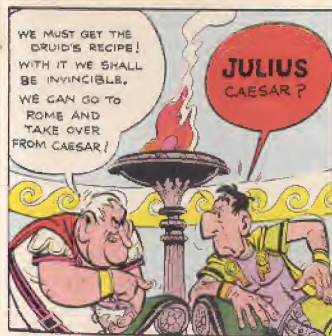
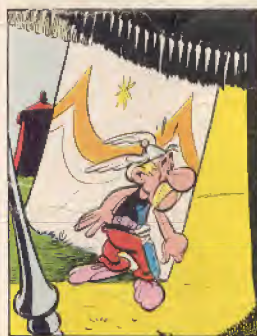
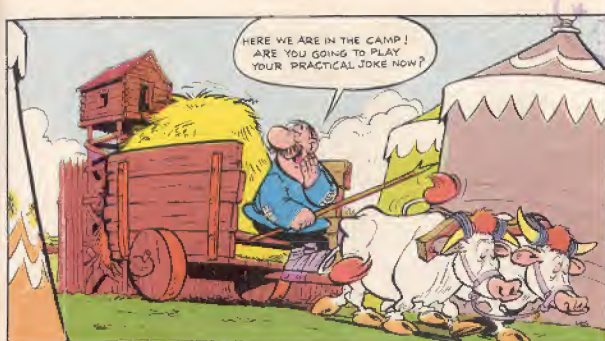
NOW, DRUID,
YOU WILL TELL ME
YOUR SECRET!

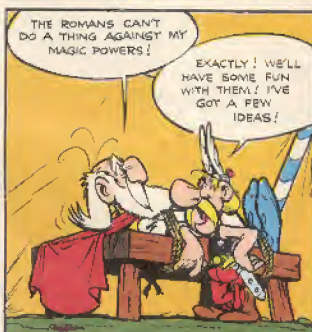
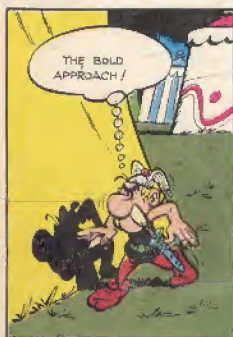
THAT'S WHAT
YOU
THINK!

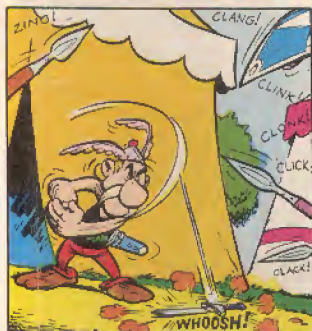
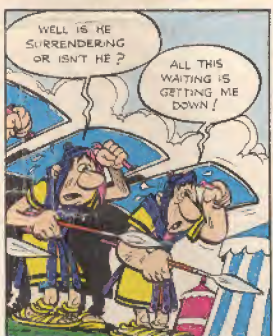
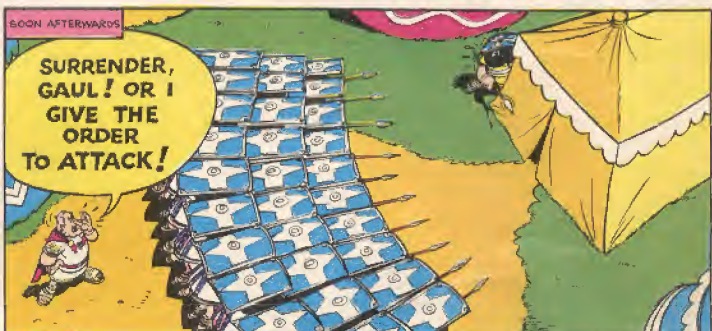




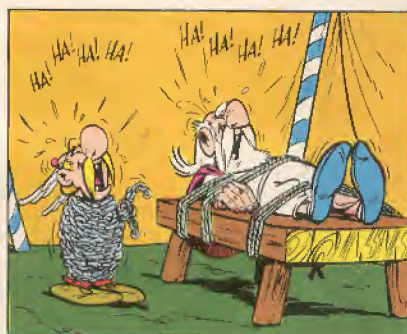
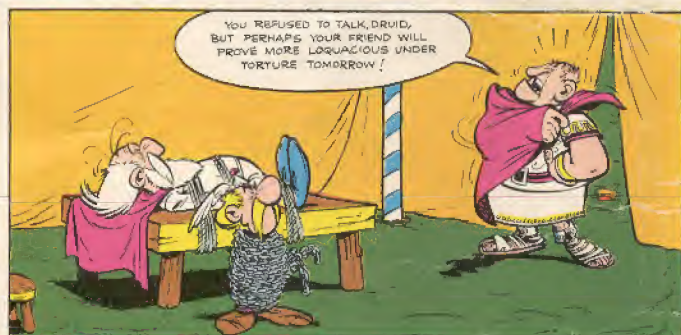
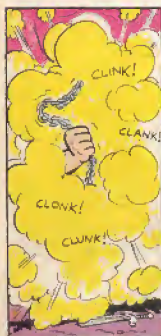
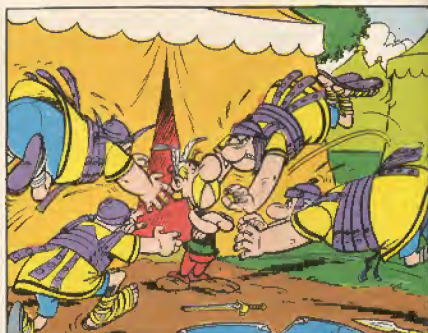


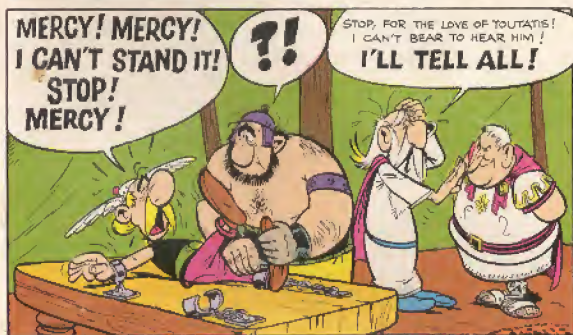
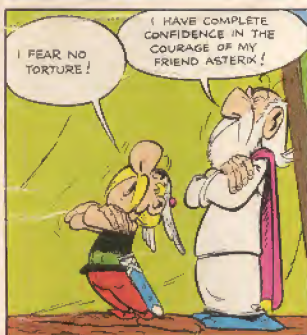


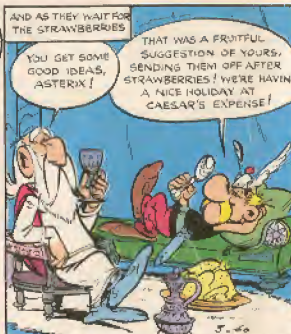
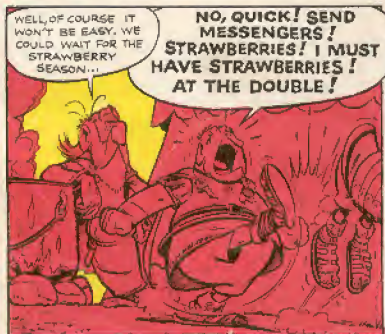
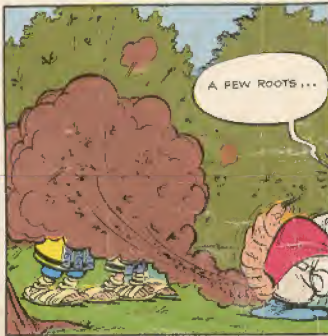


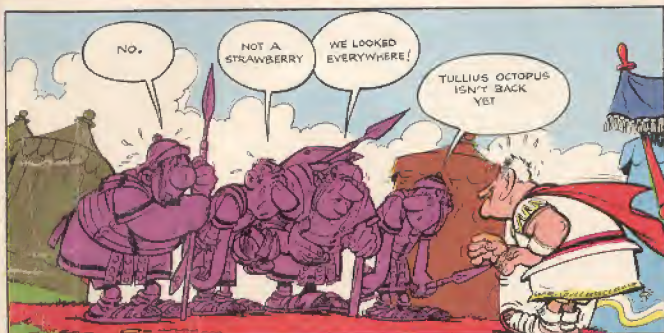


SEIZE HIM, YOU LILY-LIVERED LOT,
OR I'LL SEND YOU TO THE CIRCUS
TO BE THROWN TO THE LIONS!









YOU'VE EATEN MY STRAWBERRIES AND NOW YOU
HAVEN'T GOT ANY STRAWBERRIES AND YOU
WANT MORE STRAWBERRIES AND IT'S NOT FAIR
AND I'VE JUST ABOUT
HAD ENOUGH!

